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In re the Application of:

Hiroaki ITO et al.

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Serial No.: 10/648,473

Examiner: James F. Hook

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Date: August 7, 2006

Sir:

This is in response to the Action dated July 17, 2006, in the above-identified application.

In the Action, it was alleged that the Declaration submitted in response to Amendment filed January 6, 2006, was non-responsive. In particular, it was alleged that the Declaration specifically did not address the fact that the inventors in the Japanese priority patent application are the same inventive entity as the instant application.

In response, submitted herewith is a statement that the inventors of the priority application are the same as that of the U.S. application. Specifically, enclosed is a Declaration which states that the inventors of the Japanese priority application are the same as that of the U.S. application, the Declaration having been signed and dated by the inventors.

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Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) and allowance of claims 1 through 16 over the cited patents are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this paper.

Respectfully submitted,

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